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NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *May 2, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith report of transactions at this port, during the week ended May 1, 1901.

The following vessels were inspected, clearing for ports in the United States: April 25, Norwegian steamship *Condor*, Rasmussen, master; crew, 16; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for New Orleans direct. April 27, Norwegian steamship *Utstein*, Aarsvold, master; crew, 16; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for New Orleans direct. May 1, Norwegian steamship *Fulton*, Petterson, master; crew, 14; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for New Orleans direct.

There was 1 death during the past week, occurring in the San Paulo hospital, Bluefields, on the 25th instant, an adult male, colored, the result of gunshot wounds.

While I have no authentic information as to the existing health of the districts interior and adjoining, all reports of these sections are most favorable. It is my intention, however, to go up the Bluefields River, on the arrival of the next fruit ship, to the town of Rama, about 60 miles from Bluefields, which has an estimated population of 500, of which about 50 may be regarded as white, and satisfy myself as to the prevailing method of loading fruit, and the actual sanitary conditions there. I may state here that no passengers are permitted on fruit ships going to or returning from Rama to Bluefields, the port of clearance.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *April 29, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended April 27, 1901.

Five vessels were inspected and passed and 7 bills of health were issued. The smallpox situation improves slowly. Three new cases were reported during the week. Fourteen are still under treatment. Recently I have seen 2 well-defined cases of leprosy in the streets.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at the subports of Porto Rico during the week ended April 27, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *April 30, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 27, 1901, at subports of Porto Rico.